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## Message from Dr. Tom Brennan, Director of Athletics



Dr. Thomas  
Brennan

Greetings from 20th Street and Olney Avenue.

After a long, and cold winter, spring has finally arrived. And, I am happy to report that La Salle's winter teams showed the results of dedicated fall training as they enjoyed some well deserved success. The Men's Indoor Track team captured the Atlantic 10 title for the first time since 1996. The meet crowned several La Salle individual champions including Coach of the Year recognition for Coach Charles Torpey. Coach Torpey and his team have brought pride and positive recognition to the University through their accomplishments.

Despite a number of unfortunate injuries, Coach Billy Hahn continued to create excitement around Explorer basketball. Freshman standouts Gary Neal and Steven Smith were selected to the Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team, while Gary was honored as Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year.

Women's basketball displayed marked improvement from the 01-02 season, ending with a winning record of 15-14. On February 13, 2003, Coach John Miller celebrated his 300th victory with a win over Dayton. Freshman Davineia Payne was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team. Explorer Jill Marano also completed the season leading the nation in free-throw percentage.

La Salle's student-athletes continued to demonstrate academic success. 231 of our student-athletes and Spirit Team members received the Faculty Athletics Council Achievement Award for earning a 3.25 GPA or above during the fall semester. Cross Country runner Todd Witzleben (who was also an individual NCAA Qualifier) was selected as the Atlantic 10 Scholar Athlete of the Year. Women's Soccer player, Shannon Plunkett, was voted to the Verizon Academic All-District II team. Thanks to our student-athletes for working so hard on the field and in the classroom.

Spring marks the beginning of the Explorer Club Fund Drive. The objective of the fund drive is to help generate support for the entire men and women's intercollegiate teams. Your support is essential and appreciated. Make sure to mark your calendar for important fund drive dates and get involved.

Thanks again for all that you do in support of La Salle Athletics. Please call upon me if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance.

## Jim McManus Takes over as New President of the Explorer Club



Jim McManus

On March 25th, 2003, at a meeting of the Explorer Club Board of Directors, current Explorer Club President John Carabello passed the torch to incoming President Jim McManus. Jim was also introduced at the Blue Chip Reception later that evening. Jim, a La Salle class of 1969 alumnus, is no stranger to 20th and Olney.

"I am looking forward to an exciting year of La Salle Athletics as the Explorer Club President," McManus said. "Under the leadership of Dr. John Carabello, the Explorer Club has developed and thrived, and I aspire to build upon success that he has achieved and strive to elevate the Explorer Club to the next level."

Currently, McManus is the Vice President of the Caron Foundation, a nationally recognized, non-profit, addiction, co-dependency and chemical dependency treatment center that provides services for adults and adolescence. Before his position with the Caron Foundation, Jim was the Vice President at Sovereign Bank in Philadelphia.

"Jim has been an integral member of the of the Explorer Club Executive Committee and has worked hard to enhance the image and visibility of the Explorer Club." said Peter D'Orazio, Executive Director of the Explorer Club. "I welcome Jim as the new President of the Explorer Club and look forward to working with him."

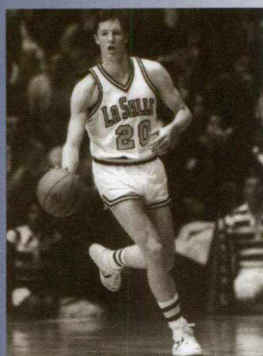


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## Where are they Now? - Chip Greenberg

by Bob Vetrone



Where is he now? Where is "Chip" Greenberg? Well, now he's in the Philadelphia Big 5 Hall of Fame, an honor he received on January 24, at a ceremony at where else--- the Palestra.

It was fitting, because Greenberg, from a huge and dedicated La Salle family, played the bulk of his La Salle career at the Palestra, and, 17 years after his last game there, has great memories. On the other hand, he understands what some people call progress, and others call necessities. Greenberg played a few games in the old Hayman Hall gymnasium, capacity about 1,000, and marvels what has been done on that site.

"What La Salle has done in upgrading the court to Tom Gola Arena is fabulous," Greenberg said. "As much as I loved the Palestra, I understand that it is now necessary to have our own home court. But the Palestra is still 'the place'."

The place for Chip now is with SEI Investments, in Oaks, PA, of which he is Regional Director. He travels a lot.

"One week," he said, "I was traveling through upstate New York, had a stop in Syracuse, then had to go to Boston, and while I was in Boston, I went to see Penn play Oklahoma State in the NAAs." Of course, there is a family attachment to Penn, where his sister, Kelly - a former Explorer - is the women's head basketball coach.

Their father, Joe, played at La Salle in the '40s, and their uncle Charlie was a guard on La Salle's 1954 NCAA Championship team. All told, there are six sons and five daughters in the Joe/Mary family, and they all still live in the area or not too far away.

The travel isn't new for Chip, even though he maintains his roots in the area. He played at La Salle High before moving to 20th and Olney, then played summer pro ball, and eventually played a season in Ireland.

"We were in County Mayo," he said, "I had a great time there. I'm 75 percent Irish so it was especially great for me."

His Explorers statistics were strong enough to get him elected to the Big 5 Hall of Fame in 1986 and La Salle's Hall of Athletes in 1992 -- 1,227 points, 437 rebounds, 461 assists (tying the school's record at that time). He also found time to do just as well in the classroom. In 1986, he was one of five scholar-athletes to earn a MAAC (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) academic award embracing all the conference's sports. Incidentally, one of the other five was La Salle women's basketball star Jill Crandley.

If you're looking for a flaw in his entire makeup, here's one, if you're an Eagles' fan. He is married to the former Jane Cooper, and her brother, Jim, after playing for Cardinal Dougherty High and Temple, went into the NFL, and played for the Dallas Cowboys. Hey, you can't have everything.

## Ask Buck



Every once in a while, Buck likes to take some time off from his grueling schedule - like now. So, in this issue of the Explorer Club Newsletter, we are presenting a story by crew captain Kate McClung.

### CAPTAIN'S CORNER

By Kate McClung

My personal experience as a rower has taught me that every spring semester will fly by without knowing how I got there. Soon I will be at the starting line of the Dad Vail Regatta. Between school work, practices, and an extensive spring racing schedule, the spring semester is a blur of activity. During the spring, La Salle crew races nearly every weekend, against a number of competitive rowing schools. But first, we have to survive the pre-season workouts!

To rowers, the spring semester begins with circuits, 8-minute pieces, and strenuous erg workouts, with everyone counting down to that first day on the water. Any one of La Salle's rowers can tell you that February contains the most grueling erg workouts and the most demanding weight lifting schedule, but they can also tell you that all the hard work will pay off at that first spring regatta. I encourage all the rowers to just hang in there until the days get warmer and we won't be locked up in the erg room any longer!

Spring break was the first week of March and marked the beginning of our training on the water. Each year, this week seems to bring enormous improvement in each of our rowers. I hope that through this experience, the women's team not only gets stronger on the water, but also as a team. I know there are a number of additions to the team, and I hope that spring break unified us both on and off the water.

Just by looking around at the strong and dedicated women who comprise the team, I am confident that this spring season will bring a number of successes, accomplishments, and most of all medals. I hope to see you all at the finish line!

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Buck note: Even though Buck has never rowed, and hasn't been in the water in many years, he has been at the Schuylkill for several Dad Vail Regattas, and parties, and highly recommends it to watch the Explorers' men's and women's crews in action. The dates are May 9-10 and if you need more information, call crew coach Matt Bergin at 215-951-1870. You'll be glad you did.

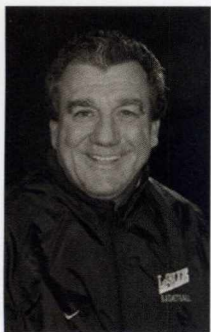
And don't fret about missing Buck's column in this issue. As General Douglas MacArthur once said, "I shall return."

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If you want to send Buck an e-mail, address it to his buddy...vetrone@lasalle.edu or call Bob at 215-951-1637.



## John Miller's 300th Win!



On February 13, 2003, at the Tom Gola Arena, the La Salle Women's basketball team defeated the Dayton Flyers with a score of 70-69 to give Coach Miller his 300th Career Victory. Coach Miller shares this milestone with only one other coach in the Big 5, Harry Perretta of Villanova. With a season record of 15-14, the 2002-03 season marks John's 15th winning season in his 17 years at La Salle. A nine game win improvement from the 2001-02 season, makes the

Explorers the most improved women's team in the Atlantic 10. Despite graduating senior point guard Chrissy Walker this year, Coach Miller will return his top 3 scorers in sophomore Jill Marano (13 pts. per game), freshman Davineia Payne (12 pts., 6 rebounds per game), and junior Kat Foley (11.5 pts. and 5.5 rebounds per game). So look forward to another successful season from women's basketball! Congratulations John!

## Explorer Club Raffle Winners

The Explorer Club recently wrapped up its 5th annual raffle drawing. This year, over \$20,000 was raised for La Salle's 23 Intercollegiate Sports. Many great prizes were donated again this year. A special thank you goes to Avian Travel for donating a Las Vegas Weekend Getaway and Don Kelly for a weekend at the Pitney House Bed and Breakfast. The Explorer Club and La Salle's Student-Athletes wish to thank all those who purchased tickets for the raffle. Thank you for helping make this year such a success! Here are the winners of the 2003 Explorer Club raffle:

- 1ST PLACE** - Las Vegas Weekend Getaway for Two  
TIMOTHY GIRARD
- 2ND PLACE** - 50" Color Stereo Television  
LINDSAY WEISS
- 3RD PLACE** - Weekend Getaway for Two at the  
Holiday Inn-City Line - STAN NASH
- 4TH PLACE** - Weekend Getaway for Two at Pitney  
House B & B - B. LOCKARD
- 5TH PLACE** - DVD Player  
NANCY MAGOWAN
- 6TH PLACE** - \$100 Campus Store Gift Certificates  
TONY MILLER
- 7TH PLACE** - La Salle Warm-up  
MANDY LEY
- 8TH PLACE** - La Salle Sweatshirt  
SARAH SAFFORD

## Explorers Outrun Rams to Take Home the A-10 Track Title

For the first time since 1996 the La Salle Men's Indoor track team has taken the Atlantic 10 Championship trophy home to 20th and Olney. The Explorer squad beat out Atlantic 10 favorites Rhode Island for the victory with a final score of 205.5 to 190.5.

Freshman James Jefferson won the 55 meter dash, 200 meter dash, and participated on the 4X100 relay to earn the honor of being named both Rookie of the Meet and Performer of the Meet.

The 800 meter dash was swept by Explorers, with Miguel Jones capturing top honors, Michael LoSapio taking the silver, and Tony Giammarco rounding out the podium. These points proved crucial to the team score as La Salle gained on Rhode Island throughout the meet.

La Salle scored 14 points in the mile when Ryan Fennelly and Chris Carvelli placed second and third respectively. Patrick Nash also defended his 1000 meter title in a time of 2.26.42, an ECAC qualifier. Other All-Conference performances were recorded by Brian Skelly who finished first in the 3000 meter run, Colin Benner placed second in the 5000, Eric Smith in the long jump, the Distance Medley Relay, and the Men's 4x800 meter relay.

Charles Torpey was named Atlantic 10 Men's Coach of the Year for his teams performance at the A-10 Championship. This is Coach Torpey's seven Coach of the Year honor in his 10 years at La Salle.

Highlights from the Women's Atlantic 10 Championship included Sheila Klick winning the mile, Irina King claiming first in the weight throw, and the squad of Sheila Klick, Margaret Betencourt, Anita Brooks, and Kristen Jenco taking home the 4x800 meter title. Look for more La Salle track excitement as the squad gets the outdoor season underway.



*The Men's Indoor Track Team receives their Atlantic-10 Championship trophy. James Jefferson was honored as both Rookie of the Meet and Performer of the Meet. Charles Torpey was named Atlantic 10 Men's Coach of the Year.*





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### **A Message From Peter D'Orazio, Assistant Athletic Director**

Spring has arrived, which means the 2003 Explorer Club Spring Fund Drive is upon us. During the upcoming weeks, the Explorer Club Board of Directors will provide the assistance necessary, not only in renewing current membership, but also in identifying new members for the Explorer Club. We achieved modest success this past year, but it is important to continue to grow.

We are pleased to have Jim Phelan as our guest speaker for the Spring Fund Drive Kick Off Reception. In order to continue enhancing our fund-raising efforts, it is important to identify additional individuals to serve as ambassadors for the athletic program. If you are interested in participating in the spring fund drive or would like to learn more about being on the Explorer Club Board of Directors, please contact me directly at 215-951-1545.

Plans are also underway for the 2003 Autumn Reception and Auction on Saturday, September 20. Kevin Davis will be the chairperson for the event. This will surely be an exciting evening as we auction off many great items. If you have an item that you would like to donate for the auction, please contact me directly.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't express my sincerest thanks to Dr. John Carabello for his years of service as President of the Explorer Club. Not only has John been an inspirational leader, but he has also been a true friend. Under his leadership, the Explorer Club has been able to grow and develop. I also look forward to working with Jim McManus as he begins his term as Explorer Club President.

Thank you for your continued support of the Explorer Club. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by La Salle's student-athletes and coaches.

### **Explorer Club Fund Drive Dates:**

**Apr. 24 - Fund Drive Kick-Off Reception  
La Salle Art Gallery - 6:30 PM  
Guest Speaker - Jim Phelan '50**

**May 6/7 - Spring Fund Drive Phonathon  
6:30 PM (Hayman Mezzanine)**

**May 8 - Fund Drive Reporting Session -  
7:00 PM (Hayman Center Conference Room)**

**May 20/21 - Spring Fund Drive Phonathon  
6:30 PM (Hayman Mezzanine)**

**May 22 - Fund Drive Reporting Session -  
7:00 PM (Hayman Conference Room)**

**May 29 - Fund Drive Victory Celebration  
Holiday Inn City Avenue - 6:30 PM**

**Coming Soon!!!  
Autumn Reception and Auction  
Saturday, September 20, 2003  
Tom Gola Arena  
6:00 PM**

**For more information, call  
(215) 951-1545**